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Subject	Tricor Refining LLC, Oildale Refinery, Kern County
Board Action	<i>Consideration of Special Order Rescinding NPDES Permit</i>
Background	<p>WDRs Order No. 98-118, NPDES Permit No. CA0084263, authorizes discharge of treated refinery wastewater by Tricor Refining LLC to the Beardsley Canal, a water of the United States. Tricor currently discharges to the North of the River Sanitation District WWTF, and held the NPDES Permit as a backup option to its discharge to the District. Tricor never built the infrastructure to enable it to discharge to the Canal. Staff administratively extended the 1998 Permit after Tricor applied for renewal.</p> <p>The California Department of Health Services notified this Regional Water Board by 16 May 2006 letter that the City of Bakersfield is constructing a 10 mgd municipal drinking water treatment plant with an intake downstream from where Tricor is authorized to discharge to the Canal. The Department believes a refinery discharge to the Canal is incompatible with use as a drinking water supply and will not allow use of this water if discharge occurs.</p> <p>By letter dated 23 May 2006, Regional Water Board staff withdrew the administrative extension for the NPDES Permit and notified Tricor that the Regional Water Board would consider an Order to rescind Tricor's WDRs and revoke the NPDES Permit.</p> <p>The proposed Special Order, if adopted, will recognize municipal supply as a beneficial use of waters within Beardsley Canal, rescind WDRs Order No. 98-118, and revoke NPDES Permit No. CA0084263.</p>
Issues	None
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